

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Negotiation of Stipulations.) MURs 4407 & 4544
)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on July 24, 1998, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in MURs 4407 & 4544:

1. Authorize the Office of the General Counsel to enter into negotiations with respondents the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc., and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer, the Clinton/Gore '96 General Committee, Inc., and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer, President William J. Clinton, Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., and the Democratic National Committee and Carol Pensky, as treasurer, to draft stipulations which will be binding in MURs 4407 and 4544 and in any subsequent civil action arising from these MURs, as recommended in the General Counsel's Memorandum dated July 20, 1998.
2. Stay the subpoenas and orders issued to respondents the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc., and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer, the Clinton/Gore '96 General Committee, Inc., and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer, President William J. Clinton, Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., and the Democratic National Committee, and Carol Pensky, as treasurer, and to non-respondent witnesses Erskine Bowles, Harold Ickes, William Knapp, Peter Knight, Terrence McAuliffe, Leon Panetta, Marius Penczner, Mark Penn, Douglas Schoen, Hank Sheinkopf, Doug Sosnik, Robert Squier, Betsy Steinberg, George Stephanopoulos, the November 5

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Group, Inc., Squier Knapp Ochs Communications, Inc., and the Executive Office of the President in MURs 4407 and 4544, and agree to stay the issuance of any further discovery to them, while such negotiations are ongoing, contingent on the respondents agreeing to toll the limitations period for a civil action arising from the MURs during the same period of time.

3. Authorize the Office of General Counsel to renew the agreement to stay discovery and toll the limitations period while negotiations are progressing, as recommended General Counsel's Memorandum dated July 20, 1998.
4. Approve the appropriate letters, as recommended in the General Counsel's Memorandum dated July 20, 1998.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and

Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

7-27-98
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
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Secretary of the Commission

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